

Former Resident Dead.
Frank Guild of this city received notice Sunday that Mrs. Lucy Anderson, a former wife of his, had died Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of her daughter, near Muir, of pneumonia. The information did not

state when the funeral would be, but Mr. Guild, thinking that it would be on Wednesday, left here Tuesday on the noon train for Muir to attend. Mrs. Anderson was 54 years of age and will be remembered here as Mrs. Frank Guild.

LOCAL ITEMS

About Our Town and Its People

Mrs. Fred Olger was in Ionia Tuesday on business.
Dr. D. J. Wallace and wife of Sparta and Mrs. Tarks of Grand Haven were guests of J. C. Ballard and wife Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carr of Sparta were guests of W. C. Whitney Sunday.
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Burr Carr, at the city hospital, Friday, a baby daughter, who will answer to the name of Ethel May.

Fatty Arbuckle in "The Cook" at the Empress Saturday afternoon and night.
Richard R. Pearce is the name of a young gentleman who recently arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris C. Pearce of Ann street.

Arthur J. Reed of the Ordnance department of the National army, at Camp Custer, blew into town on the afternoon train up from Grand Rapids Tuesday for a short visit with the friends which he has in this city. Mr. Reed was formerly commercial and athletic instructor in the local schools.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Knott Cobb, at their home south of the city, on Friday, Oct. 25, a daughter, who will answer to the name of Dorothea.

Don't fail to see Fatty Arbuckle in "The Cook" at the Empress Saturday afternoon and evening (provided the flu ban is lifted, which has every indication of being done now).

Mrs. Frank Lockhart, of Leroy, went to Ann Arbor, Tuesday noon, to enter a hospital for an operation, after having stopped off here and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Fox and other friends for a few days. Mrs. Lockhart will be remembered better by her local friends as Mrs. Earl Johnson.

Phil Youngs made a business trip to Ionia Friday.

Ernest Friedell, wife and baby, of Lansing, passed through the city at noon Tuesday on their way home to Lansing where they have been living for the past two years. Both were former residents of this city, where Mrs. Friedell was popular and well known among the young ladies of the city as Miss Susie Lammy. Mrs. Friedell intends to return to this place in the course of the next few weeks and visit with friends for a time.

Mrs. Geo. Ravell and daughter, Mary Ann, went to Grand Rapids on business Wednesday.

Mrs. Chas. Coon and mother, Mrs. Caroline Gais spent Wednesday in Smyrna.

Mrs. Anna Boylin left Tuesday for Grand Rapids where she will visit relatives over the week-end.
E. E. Whitford returned to Portland Tuesday after a short visit with wife and friends.

Mrs. C. H. Brockway of Ionia spent Tuesday in Belding with her father, Mr. L. L. Rocky.

Dey Richmond of Camp Custer was home Tuesday to vote but had to report to camp Wednesday morning.

Things are looking exceedingly good for the flu ban to be lifted tomorrow or Friday and if so it will allow the theaters to run again as usual. If such is the case the Empress will be open Saturday with matinee and evening performances showing one of the famous Metro Wonderplays and also as an added attraction Fatty Arbuckle in his latest picture, "The Cook."

The R. N. A. will meet next Tuesday night, Nov. 1. Every member come.

You cannot enjoy a good meal if you have indigestion. Mi-o-nas stomach tablets are guaranteed by Wortley & French to relieve the worst case of stomach trouble. Advertisement.

Lost His Wounded Bar.

Sgt. W. J. Myers, the Canadian Black Watch soldier who has been making this city his headquarters since last Labor day, lost his wounded bar somewhere in the city, Monday, and in case any one should find it he would be very appreciative if they would be so good as to return it to him. The bar was given him as a distinguishing mark that he had been wounded in active service in the Canadian contingent and in case one should become lost, it is impossible to have it replaced by another, as rules governing these distinguishing marks forbid their being replaced.

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RED CROSS IS IN NEED OF TRUCK DRIVERS

GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR MEN IN DEFERRED CLASS TO BE OF GREAT USE TO COUNTRY.

Following an urgent call from France for Red Cross drivers and mechanics, the American Red Cross created the Automotive and Mechanical bureau and established its general headquarters in the city of Chicago. They also selected Chicago as the permanent location for their training camp and barracks, known as Camp Scott, 6046 Cottage Grove avenue. This camp is under the direction of Major H. P. Harding, a well known automotive engineer of Chicago.

In order to send men for overseas duty as soon as possible, and at the same time make them thoroughly competent in their work, a rigid course of training, lasting about four weeks, is given.

At the barracks there is a complete work shop and the men are required to take machines apart and rebuild them. Competent instructors are always at hand to explain the functions of all parts. Demonstrations of all possible accidents and breakdowns are given and the quickest methods of repairing are shown.

Special grounds for all kinds of driving are a unique feature. Sections have been laid out to represent No Man's Land. Large pits are laid out representing shell holes; formations of brick and debris of all characters are strewn over the driving paths and the men are required to drive through at certain speeds with certain loads before their grading is given.

Daily lectures are given the men by prominent engineers of the automotive and mechanical industries. This week, J. Carleton, general manager of the White Co., lectured on lubrication; R. B. McConnell of the Hyatt-Roller Bearing Co., lectured on bearings; Mr. Reynold of the Rayfield Carburetor Co., talked on carburetors; a representative of the Goodyear Tire Co. talked on tire trouble, and on Aug. 7 Capt. J. V. Woodard, associate director of motor transportation in France, talked to the men regarding conditions in France, and what will be expected of each man.

Each week every possible machine breakdown or trouble is covered by lectures and actual field demonstrations.

Arrangements have been made with a number of garages and repair shops in Chicago whereby the men will daily spend several hours in actual repair work and in many cases building new cars.

The work is graded and marks are given daily, the methods of grading being the same as used in technical schools.

Forty dollars a month and maintenance is paid while overseas and half pay and maintenance while in training.

This department is open for men under 18 years of age and over 46 or for those in Class 5, 4, 3, 2. Applicants must have one year's experience in driving.

A paid up insurance policy of \$1,000 is given each man on date of embarkation. Headquarters 528 Peoples Gas Building, Chicago, Illinois.

FORMER RESIDENT'S REMAINS BURIED HERE

The remains of Geo. Benton were brought to Belding Wednesday, Oct. 23, and were laid to rest in the old Stocking cemetery. Owing to requirement no public funeral was held but a private funeral was held at the home in Grand Ledge with the flag service at the cemetery, Mr. Benton being a soldier.

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Suddenly Recalled.

Glenn Lamberton, who is in S. A. T. C. in Cincinnati, O., came home a week ago Friday expecting to stay two weeks, was recalled after 24 hours here by a telegram advising him of the raising of the quarantine in the barracks and that he had to report on Monday following. His new address is Pvt. L. G. Lamberton, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, Co. H.

A Tribute to Mother.

The following is sent from overseas by Nell Place, to his mother, Mrs. Harry Place of Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Mrs. Place is a sister of Mrs. Kate Shannon of this city and the latter sent it in to this office. It is a beautiful bit of poetry and pleasantly portrays a mental picture of the time when sonny will be meeting his mother in thousands of places throughout this great nation and it is to be hoped within a short time at that.

"MOTHER."

And here's a line to Mother,
The best of all the lot,
With a simple little message,
Just a sweet-for-get-me-not.
It's sent to her from some one,
Sealed with a kiss of love,
To wish her joy and comfort
And blessing from above.
May it find her well and happy
As the morn I went away,
May it make her burden lighter,
As she works from day to day.
May it chase away the wrinkles
From her apt-to-worry brow,
And keep that smile smiling
Till we've finished up this row.
There's a brighter day coming
For us, and those back home;
There's ships of joy and happiness
To sail us o'er the foam.
The sight will be most wonderful
As loved ones greet each other,
But none will be so tenderly
As when Sonny meets his Mother.
—R. V. Brady.

55,000 BARBERRY BUSHES DESTROYED IN CAMPAIGN

East Lansing, Mich., Nov. 4.—More than 55,000 high bush barberries were destroyed in Michigan during the campaign conducted last summer to drive this shrub from the state, a report from the M. A. C. declares.

"Every city and town in the state of over 500 inhabitants has been inspected, and the barberries found ordered destroyed," the statement sets forth. "Reinspection to learn whether these orders have been complied with and to secure the removal of barberries that may have sprouted again is in progress."

"There still remain many barberries around old country places and in cemeteries. Inasmuch as these are especially dangerous bushes, because of their nearness to the farms, and because they are so difficult to locate further cooperation of citizens and farmers towards the removal of these is necessary."

The movement to stamp out the high bush barberry was inaugurated by the United States department of agriculture to protect wheat, oats and rye from the disease known as the "black stem rust." The barberry, because it harbors the parasites causing the disease, is charged with being responsible for the spread of the trouble.

James Wilbur and son, Burl, went to Ann Arbor, Tuesday at noon, the latter to undergo treatment at one of the hospitals there for a time.

Mrs. Bertha McMahon spent Wednesday in Grand Rapids on business.

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